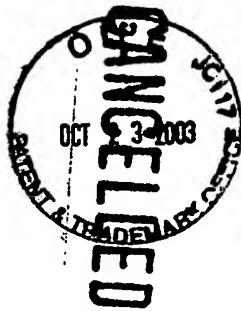


10-23-03



1 BXTH 17001.1 (DI-5916)  
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of Li Pan

Serial No. 10/617,008

Filed July 10, 2003

Confirmation No.

For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE DETECTION OF THE PRESENCE OF A  
BACTERIA IN THE GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT OF A SUBJECT

October 22, 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Please enter the following amendment prior to examination of  
the above-identified patent application:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.